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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

1-22. (CANCELED)

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device structure, the structure comprising:

a substrate assembly including a surface; and

a chemical vapor deposited barrier layer over at least a portion of the surface, wherein the barrier layer is formed of a platinum(x):ruthenium(1-x) alloy, where x is in the range of about 0.60 to about 0.995, and further wherein the barrier layer is substantially free of carbon.

24. (ORIGINAL) The structure of claim 23, wherein x is in the range of about 0.90 to about 0.98.

25. (ORIGINAL) The structure of claim 24, wherein x is about 0.95.

26. (ORIGINAL) The structure of claim 23, wherein the portion of the surface is a silicon containing surface.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A capacitor structure comprising:

a first electrode;

a dielectric material on at least a portion of the first electrode; and

a second electrode on the dielectric material, wherein at least one of the first electrode and second electrode comprises a chemical vapor deposited barrier layer of

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platinum(x):ruthenium(1-x) alloy ; and further wherein the barrier layer is substantially free of carbon.

28. (ORIGINAL) The structure of claim 27, wherein x is in the range of about 0.60 to about 0.995.

29. (ORIGINAL) The structure of claim 28, wherein x is in the range of about 0.90 to about 0.98.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The structure of claim 27, wherein at least one of the first electrode and second electrode comprises the barrier layer of platinum(x):ruthenium(1-x) alloy and one or more additional conductive layers.

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The structure of claim 30, wherein the one or more additional conductive layers are formed from materials selected from the group of metals and metal alloys; metal and metal alloy oxides; metal nitrides; and metal silicides.

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A memory cell structure comprising:
a substrate assembly including at least one active device; and
a capacitor formed relative to the at least one active device, the capacitor comprising at least one electrode including a chemical vapor deposited barrier layer formed of platinum(x):ruthenium(1-x) alloy ; wherein the barrier layer is substantially free of carbon.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The structure of claim 32, wherein the capacitor includes:
a first electrode formed relative to a silicon containing region of the at least one active device;
a dielectric material on at least a portion of the first electrode; and

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a second electrode on the dielectric material, wherein the first electrode comprises the barrier layer formed of platinum(x):ruthenium(1-x) alloy.

34. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** The structure of claim 33, wherein the first electrode comprising the barrier layer formed of platinum(x):ruthenium(1-x) alloy includes one or more additional conductive layers.

35. **(ORIGINAL)** The structure of claim 33, wherein x is in the range of about 0.60 to about 0.995.

36. **(ORIGINAL)** The structure of claim 35, wherein x is in the range of about 0.90 to about 0.98.

37. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** An integrated circuit structure comprising:
a substrate assembly including at least one active device; and
an interconnect formed relative to the at least one active device, the interconnect including a barrier layer formed of platinum(x):ruthenium(1-x) alloy.

38. **(ORIGINAL)** The structure of claim 37, wherein x is in the range of about 0.60 to about 0.995.

39. **(ORIGINAL)** The structure of claim 38, wherein x is in the range of about 0.90 to about 0.98.

40. **(CANCELED)**

41. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The structure of claim 23, wherein the at least a portion of the surface defines a small high aspect ratio opening.

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42. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The structure of claim 23, wherein a thickness of the barrier layer is in a range of about 10 Å to about 10,000 Å.

43. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The structure of claim 42, wherein the thickness of the barrier layer is in a range of about 100 Å to about 500 Å.

44. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The structure of claim 23, wherein the substrate assembly comprises at least one active device.

45. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The structure of claim 37, wherein the barrier layer comprises a chemical vapor deposited barrier layer.

46. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The structure of claim 37, wherein the substrate assembly comprises a small high aspect ratio opening, and further wherein the interconnect is formed in the small high aspect ratio opening relative to the at least one active device.

47. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The structure of claim 37, wherein a thickness of the barrier layer is in a range of about 10 Å to about 10,000 Å.

48. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The structure of claim 47, wherein the thickness of the barrier layer is in a range of about 100 Å to about 500 Å.

49. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The structure of claim 39, wherein x is about 0.95.